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KOTZEBUE COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING OPENING**

Commercial salmon fishing will be open for 6 hours from 8 p.m. Sunday, July 21 until 2 a.m. Monday, July 22 in the Kotzebue District.

Catch during Friday night's 4-hour opening was 6,013 chum salmon by 26 permit holders. The catch after the first two weeks of fishing is over 36,000 chum salmon.

The Kobuk River test fishing project crew started fishing on Wednesday and the crew has had good catches with over 100 chum salmon caught in three days. The test fish chum salmon index ranks 9th out of 21 years, but is ahead of last year's catch which ranked third best overall by the end of the season.

If you have any questions concerning the fishery you can call the Kotzebue office at 442-3420, or the Commercial Fisheries office in Nome at 1-800-560-2271 or the buyer at 442-4192.